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From: Commanding Officer, USS LEXINGTON (CVS-16)

To: Chief of Naval Operations (OP 291Sh)

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Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 5750.7

- Encl: (1) Port Aransas, Texas, Port Visit 2-5 May 1963  
(2) Galveston, Texas, Port Visit 11-15 July 1963  
(3) LEXINGTON Minuteman Vol 2 No. 5 June 1964  
(4) Photographs of USS LEXINGTON (CVS-16)

1. In accordance with reference (a) the following information is submitted:

a. Captain Lucien C. POWELL, USN, commanded USS LEXINGTON during the period 18 July 1962 until 26 July 1963. A graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy Class of 1939, Captain POWELL reported to USS LEXINGTON from USS SALAMONIE where he had served as that ship's Commanding Officer. Following a tour of duty as Commanding Officer of USS DUXBURY BAY (AVP 38) Captain John M. MILLER, USN, assumed command of USS LEXINGTON on 26 July 1963.

b. USS LEXINGTON (CVS-16) homeported at U.S. Naval Air Station, Pensacola, Florida, served as the training carrier in the Gulf of Mexico. The ship carrier qualified student pilots of Naval Air Basic Training Command at Pensacola, Florida and Naval Air Advanced Training Command at Corpus Christi, Texas. Atlantic Fleet Marine squadrons and Navy replacement training squadrons also utilized LEXINGTON for carrier qualification operations. In the period 1 January 1963 through 31 December 1963, 22,51 carrier landings were made on LEXINGTON. In addition to the role as a training carrier LEXINGTON was actively engaged in promoting various aspects of the Navy's People-to-People program via guest cruises, shipboard tours, and open house activities.

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Open House was held in New Orleans, Louisiana during the period 7-12 February, when LEXINGTON visited that city during the "Mardi Gras". On 2-5 May Open House was held in Port Aransas, Texas, when LEXINGTON was asked to participate in the "Buccaneer Days" Festivities (Enclosure 1). 12-15 July found LEXINGTON in Galveston, Texas, where 67,300 visitors toured the ship during the three day Open House period (Enclosure 2). In addition to the Open House, LEXINGTON conducted guided tours for groups of many different schools, civic organizations, and clubs along the gulf coast.

c. None

d. CNO's 1963 Aviation Safety Award.

(b) (6)



By direction